

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Boone County,) Application No. 911-023.40
Albion, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
recurring costs of Enhanced) REQUEST, IN PART
Wireless 911 implementation.)
) Entered: August 5, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated December 8, 2006, Boone County, Albion, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Boone County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$25,820.00** for an upgrade to its Rescue Star equipment necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service.

Boone County provided supporting documentation for the expenses from its vendor, Plant CML. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Boone County's request at its July 14, 2008 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in the amount of **\$19,956.00**, which excludes the costs of two SEALI workstations and two 19-inch black LCD monitors.

The costs are consistent with the prices contained in the vendor's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP). Boone County has already paid for the upgrade and seeks reimbursement.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or

operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received subsequent to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission considers this funding request subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in part in the amount of **\$10,975.80** in non-recurring costs which represents 55% of the \$19,956.00 recommended for approval by the Advisory Board. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Boone County the amount of **\$10,975.80**, consistent with the terms of this order.

Should Boone County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Boone County the amount of **\$10,975.80**, consistent with the terms of this order for the upgrade to equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED should Boone County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of August, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director